



COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Meeting Summary

February 10, 2016

Members Present: Dana Bell, Shari Argue, Gina Brown, Tom Grazio, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, Nancy Kaplan, Nora Ludden, Elizabeth McGlynn, Stuart Grossman, Sareanna Kimia and Beka Urgessa.

Members Absent: Ethan Chen, Adraine Clutter, Cecily Dardin-Adams, Dr. Angela Mickalide, Howard Nicholson, Tamara Niedomanski, Gina Polley, Roberta Rinker, and Bobbi Sherman

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell and Marva Younger

Dana Bell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of January 13th Meeting Minutes

There was no quorum to approve minutes.

My Brother's Keeper Sub-Committee Report

The Sub-Committee plans to invite Elijah from the Collaboration Council to speak at the March meeting. There is an upcoming MBK summit that will focus on violent crimes and high school graduation rate. The Sub-Committee members are not sure if they want to be part of these issues or identify another common theme. As discussed at the Youth Voice Roundtable, students want better transportation, trusted relationships with school teachers and staff, and caring adults. The language to advocate for change/recommendation in the county school system is of concern due to the many stakeholders. The members feel Elijah's speech will help them to identify a concrete objective to pursue. Members will utilize Elijah's visit by asking questions and seeking information to narrow their focus related to this priority.

Homeless Sub-Committee Reports

The Sub-Committee continues to collect and analyze data to narrow their focus on homeless youth. Information collected from HMIS categories 0-17 years old and 18-30 years old is not going to be helpful. The Montgomery County Public Schools is among some of the organizations to collect youth homeless data. All the information gathered so far will be compiled by the March meeting. The action plan for March meeting is to have a representative from law enforcement to share their perspective on youth homelessness and its impacts. Tom will coordinate with law enforcement to meet with sub-committee at the March meeting.

Nominations for Upcoming Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Nominations for Chair and Co-Chair will be accepted at the April meeting and also electronically by April 29 to Erin. Voting by secret ballot will be held at the May meeting. Members may nominate themselves.

Tour de Cookie

Tom Grazio reported on the upcoming Tour de Cookie that will be held on Saturday, May 7 (rain or shine) at Johns Hopkins University, Rockville Campus. Approximately 70 bikers have signed up to participate as of today. Additional bikers, bakers and hosts are needed. Water will be stationed throughout the race. Each cookie stand must be decorated and displayed with theme and ingredients of homemade cookies. The non-competitive riders will get a T-shirt imprinted with "I survived the 0-1K Tour de Cookie Race". Commissioners may bring their children. Food trucks will be available on site. Tom asked members to share any photos from last year's event.

Nancy Dworkin Awards

Erin Stillwell announced that the Nancy Dworkin Award will be held on Monday, May 16, at Johns Hopkins University, Rockville Campus, Gilchrist Center Auditorium. We will gather at 6:15 pm and start the program promptly at 6:30 pm. These are the action plans:

- Announce for nominations as soon as possible
- Create rubric for judging nominees
- Seek entertainment – preferably youth group (floor has carpet and not conducive for dancing)
- Vigorously try to locate Dworkin family member(s) to invite
- Send invitation to former youth awardees
- Need food donations/catering (\$100 gift card from Wegman's has been received)
- Suggest and agree on theme for program (pearls and diamonds are noted for 30th Anniversary)

Announcements/Reminders:

Lindsay reported on the pending County Bill 37-15-Bill that provides some commissions to advocate at State/Federal levels. If commission members are interested-they may advocate individually for the passing of this bill (not as a member of the CCY).

Dana encouraged members to be in attendance at the meetings so there is a quorum for voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.